

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the time and consideration that the Examiner has provided in reviewing this Application. The Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephonic interview conducted on November 15, 2002. By the foregoing amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 10 and 17, and added new claims 20-26.

In the Office Action dated August 7, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schmier et al. (U.S. 6,006,159). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

A claim is anticipated under § 102(e) only if each and every element as set forth in a claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. MPEP § 2131. Currently, independent claim 9 recites a method for operating a *vehicle* navigation system. Further, as amended, independent claims 1, 10 and 17 each recite a *vehicle* navigation system. In light of this amendment and the telephonic interview conducted on November 15, 2002, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

The Applicant is also submitting herewith new claims 20-26, which the Applicant respectfully submits are in novel, not obvious and in condition for allowance.

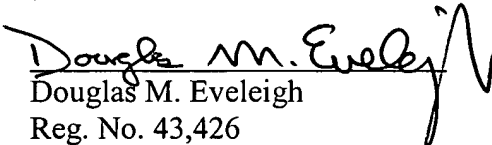
CONCLUSION

In conclusion, and in view of the remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. By the above amendments, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the application. If, for any reason, the application and claims are not in condition for allowance, or any additional

information is required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 701-8738.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted


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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS TO SHOW AMENDMENTS

1 (Twice Amended) A vehicle navigation system provided with various interlinked facilities, comprising a user I/O facility, a route planning facility and a position determining facility, wherein the navigation system is arranged to interface to a data communication facility pertaining to an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer.

10 (Twice Amended). A vehicle navigation system comprising a user I/O facility, a route planning facility, and a position determining facility, wherein the navigation system interfaces with a data communication facility of an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer.

17 (Amended). A vehicle navigation system comprising a user I/O facility, a route planning facility, and a position determining facility, wherein the navigation system interfaces with a data communication facility of an organizer device, said organizer device comprising a facility for storing and managing a personal time and place schedule, wherein there is bi-directional communication of system-operational data between said navigation system and said organizer, wherein said organizer device provides diary or timetable data to said navigation system for use in the navigation system's route planning facility, and wherein said organizer device is physically interfaced to said data communication facility of said organizer device.